

Born in 1862

Wrote over 300 short stories

Left school at age 15 / worked in a drugstore

Married at 21 / Austin, TX. worked various jobs

Born in N. Carolina

Moved to TX (19) worked sheep ranch.

Real name Sidney Porter pen name O. Henry

Last job a bank teller

\$1,000 missing later convicted + sent to prison -

Wrote short stories in prison

sympathetic to underdog

life experiences provided raw material  
for stories — unexpected —

Stories have surprise twists

One of Americans favorite short story  
authors

died in 1910